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MONTEREY NEWS



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OUR TOWN



Free Films at Monterey Library

The classic French film, "The Red Balloon" was shown at the Monterey Library at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 18. In addition to that there was shown a film called "Painting for Halloween" created by local photographer Lucien Aigner, which documents the painting of Gt. Barrington store windows for Halloween each year.

The films are free and open to the public. Next month's offering will be the well-loved E. B. White story, Stuart Little.

National Children's Book Week

Librarian Anne Makuc announced that the week of November 12 to 18 was National Children's Book Week. The Library has acquired many new books for the occasion, among them being two children's books by local residents. The first, written by Alice Schick, is called Zoo Year. The second, written by Alice Schick and illustrated by her husband Joel, is called Just This Once.

PTA News

The New Marlboro/Monterey PTA will meet Nov. 14 at Mill River School at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Eugene O'Connell, second grade teacher, will present a program. There will be an explanation of the Title One Program by Mrs. Jeanne Pavone. Louise McGrath will give information about this season's ski program at Catamount. Ski instruction plus four hours of skiing is offered for eight weeks on Friday afternoons from 3:30 until 8:30 p.m. Students of any age from the Southern Berkshire School District are eligible for the program. The students are car pooled and chaperoned, and the cost for the eight weeks is \$48.00.

PTA President Maryellen Brown reports that the After School and/or Saturday Programs sponsored by the PTA are proceeding successfully. The Saturday morning soccer games, coached by Don Blanchard with the help of John Ryder, ended the week of Nov. 13. Other programs in the series have been a lesson in collage given by Marianne Swan, a lesson in yarn painting given by Sharon Steinberg, and a Halloween program given by Lucinda Schmulsky. A lesson in batik is coming up. There will be cross country and downhill skiing available three times a week for \$10 a season, including equipment. The beginning of this activity will be announced through the schools.

Health Food Store in Monterey

Mildred Walsh has applied for and received a permit to expand her gasoline business into a food store. Her son Brook has left his position as mechanic at the family Mobil station to work as a salesman at Raynor's Bearings and Supplies, Inc. in Great Barrington. There is room in the garage and on the shelves in the office, and Milly is filling it with juices and honey, dried fruits and wholewheat pasta, cheddar cheese and puffed grain cereals. She expects slowly to expand her operation as time allows. She is painting the walls of the office white and looking for a refrigerated case to store perishables. There will eventually be herbs, spices and teas available, as well as flours and grains. There are natural juices in the cooler among the cakes. Marion Barrier will be baking breads and cookies. Prices, so far, are below those of other Berkshire health food establishments. Things aren't completely set up yet, but everyone is welcome to come and shop.

Community Dinner

The Community Dinner will be held on December 6. It will be a Thanksgiving holiday dinner, with meat provided. Bring your own place settings. Callers will ask you to bring vegetables and pies. The "Sweet Adelines" will lead the musical program. Marion Schneider and Adrienne Molla are on the committee for the dinner.



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule: Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield,
Saturday - 5:30 p.m., Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Mill River,
Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.....
Kindergarten each Sunday, 10:30 a.m.....

Bible Study Sunday Mornings

A fall series of Bible Study
continuing five sessions is to
begin on Sunday, November 19.

Lessons related to the Sunday lectionary are being used. This is a time of special preparation for and during the advent season. The lessons will be held in the social room, running from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

- Nov. 19 - Matthew 6: 24-34
- Nov. 26 - Mark 13: 32-37 and I Corinthians 1: 3-9
- December 3 - Mark 1: 1-8 and II Peter 3: 8-14
- December 10 - John 1: 6-8; 19-28
- December 17 - John 1: 1-14

Movie Projector to be kept in Library

The Parish Council decided that it would serve the community well to let the church's movie projector be in the custody of the Monterey Library. Since the library is obtaining frequent films of interest to children it was felt that this action would free the library to use such films whenever they were available.

New Conference Minister and President Elected

At the recent fall meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ a person to succeed the Rev. Avery Post was elected. He is the Rev. Al Williams, called from the Illinois Conference where he served on the Conference staff. It is expected that during his first year in Massachusetts he will be traveling often and widely through the state.

4-H



Photography - This year's 4-H photography club is meeting at the home of John Nichols in Gt. Barrington. The members for this year are: Shawn Ryder, Stephen Brown, Douglas Mackenzie and Kevin Bradley. On Oct. 27 Frank Whitney of New York State gave a demonstration on the uses of filters. He also explained the role of light in photography.

On November 18, the County 4-H Awards Banquet was held to honor those who have shown superior effort in 4-H.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts - Mrs. Maryellen Brown's Cub Scouts have been working on their First Aid Badge. On Oct. 12, they went to the Southern Berkshire Ambulance Squad garage and were given a tour of the ambulance by Ed Kiernan. They also were taught about first aid procedure on the tour. On Oct. 26, the Cubs had a Halloween party at the home of Marsha Harvey, the assistant leader. Den 1 traveled to Fairview Hospital on Nov. 9 and were given a tour by Rita Clark. The Scouts were also treated to ice cream at the hospital. On Nov. 17, Pack 51 held its Pack Meeting at the New Marlboro American Legion Post 350 at 7:30 p.m. At the meeting a movie was shown by the American Red Cross entitled "One Person Too Late".

Webelos - With Irene Smith as their leader, the Webelos have been working on their Citizenship Badge. The troop went to observe the voting at the New Marlboro Town Hall on November 7. The day before the scouts had attended a Selectman's Meeting in New Marlboro with Mrs. Callahan. For their next project the Webelos went to the Berkshire County Commissioner's office in Pittsfield.

Boy Scouts - Mr. Sidney Weinstein of the Kolburne School is interested in organizing a Boy Scout troop. Interested boys and volunteer leaders are urged to call Mr. Weinstein at 229-8531.

THE FAMILY OF MANKIND

For a number of years my wife and I have been invited to share the Seder feast with a Jewish family in the area. They are friends and I had assumed this was simply a matter of friendship. Recently I have come to understand a deeper, ancient meaning that lies behind the practice of non-Jews being invited to share in the Seder. This custom looks forward to the day when all people will be united as one family under God. Having come to this understanding of our inclusion in the Seder festival deepens all the more my participation in it. It is a way of giving expression to an ancient, deeply implanted longing in the human heart that the people of the earth shall become united as one people, and that we shall acknowledge how profoundly we are bound to one another.

In many ways this hope, this dream of human unity has been expressed in the Jewish faith. Why is there such care to treat with kindness "the stranger within thy gates" that crops up again and again in the Levitical literature? Simply for this reason, the stranger is potentially a friend, an ally. The kindly, generous treatment helps to insure that the natural bond between humans will be recognized. The belief in monotheism, holding that there is one God which emerged among the Jews has powerful implications for the way we think about deity, but do we realize that it also has very powerful implications for what we believe about the human family? Surely there is no more powerful statement of the essential unity that should and can prevail among humans than comes out of the belief that there is one God. If there is one God, then it follows most surely that every human being is linked with all other humans in a deeper bond than they may recognize.

Christianity is rooted and grounded in Judaism. The emphasis on the oneness of humanity flows directly into the Christian tradition. Jesus frequently spoke of all having one Father. Paul spoke of the individual person being like the organs of the body. "The eye cannot say to the hand I have no need of you... The head cannot say to the feet I have no need of you." The difference in the organs enhances the whole body. It is no occasion for despising or looking down on another because he is different. Paul indicates that the fellowship of the Church is to be built on this model through respecting, yes, cherishing differences. Then this ideal for the Church's life is to become the pattern for the whole of humanity. "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."

Within the Judeo-Christian heritage there is a long-standing persistent claim on the unity that is to prevail among humans. To be sure it is frequently better declared on the prophetic level than it is in the practical arena of everyday living. Yes, and it frequently comes off better as an ideal than as the actuality, yet it seems important to me that we recognize the long-standing character of this vision of human unity.

In the first half of this century an important new voice was added to this ancient dream concerning the unity of the human family. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was an eminent paleontologist. This Jesuit scholar studied the varied evidences of civilization after civilization. He identified a powerful movement toward unification among all peoples of the earth. He saw a persistent pattern of movement pointing toward an ever tightening bond between peoples. He saw evidence that the whole of humanity could increasingly be seen as a single giant organism. Just as the cells in one's body are each separate units of life, so the cells together create a single body that may be infinitely complex in its functioning. Teilhard de Chardin saw this very time in which we are living as moving forward by leaps and bounds. He believed that up to this time the essential unity that prevailed among humans was to be seen as largely an unconscious drama. But he saw this generation experiencing a rapid thrust toward binding humans tighter and tighter together.

The evidence is very persuasive that we are being more and more tightly bound together. The economic and social interdependence among us is very powerful. Neither you nor I can stand outside the network of interdependence that is forming around us. Teilhard de Chardin anticipated this stage of the development as one of dread. He saw people resisting the movement with the feeling that it was limiting, yes, destroying our individual freedoms. To be sure many do so regard the developments of our time. More than one person has left for the north woods of Maine, trying to escape our deeper and deeper involvement with each other.

Teilhard de Chardin sees a way through this period in which the intensification of this binding movement puts us all more and more "in the same boat." He sees a new emergence of people's capacity to love each other. Indeed, he sees this as the necessary saving element. When at last we learn to love these people who are thrust into the same life-boat with us we will begin to find a way to open life up instead of feeling that we are being crowded into a tighter and tighter corner with less and less space of our own.

I hope to spend several months examining these ideas that are so critical to human development in our time. I would heartily welcome the response of our readers to the issues raised by this article.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
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GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies - On October 19, 1978 Brownie Troop 237 held an Investiture ceremony for its eight new Brownies: Jenny Brown, Natasha Grotz, Meghan Bradley, Tammy Amstead, Anne Marie Makuc, Amber Hall, Noelle Pixley and Jessica Thorn. The girls received their Brownie pins. Linda Hall made a beautiful cake for the party. At the next meeting, the girls created Brownie pumpkins in their own inimitable style. On Nov. 2, the troop visited Stone Mountain Workshop where Sharon Steinberg showed them how to card, spin and dye wool. She also demonstrated many ways to use yarn, such as yarn paintings and weaving yarn into many usable items, like pillows. On Nov. 9 the girls began preparing for Thanksgiving. They made a centerpiece for their families out of birch logs, candles, pine cones and dried flowers. On Nov. 16 they made cranberry sauce.

Juniors and Cadettes - As some of the scouts early projects, they created note holders with popsicle sticks and made pencil holders from coffee cans and popsicle sticks. For Halloween the girls decorated pumpkins and attended a Halloween party at which they bobbed for apples and ate apple cider and donuts. They are currently working on their First Aid badge. The girls made their own first aid kits at home and brought them to Girl Scouts on Nov. 15.

YOUTH GROUP

The Monterey Youth Group has sponsored many activities in the town. One of the more recent activities was the Halloween Party and the Haunted House in the town center. The group also organized the Unicef program for Monterey. During the first week in November, the group traveled to Cummington, Mass. for an overnight retreat at Warner Farm. Some of the programs planned for the next few weeks include exercises that enable the members to understand the way that we are formed and how important this is in our lives.

Youth Editor,
Kevin Bradley

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

This month we have received contributions from the following: Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Bowles, Rev. James Chase, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Crassis, Marjorie Fuller, Margery Mansfield Janes, Bonner McAllester & Joe Baker, Mr. E. W. Moreton, Mr. Walter Parks. A very hearty thanks to all of you from the MONTEREY NEWS.

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